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To Whom It May Concern:

I thank you for taking the time to read my many letters regarding the serious safety concerns of the proposed Cedar Edge project at 55 Summer Street in South Walpole.

As possibly the last letter that I will have the opportunity to write you, as the applicant is abruptly closing the hearing, I ask that you now hear from our hearts. During tonight's ZBA zoom call, I stated that WE are the evidence and that WE are the facts to this project. We, the residents of South Walpole, the people who drive and walk in these streets every day, the people whose families thrive on the quaint and historic South Walpole community, we are begging for your help.

The proposed development cannot come to fruition as planned; for the safety of our families, it simply cannot. From what I understand, if the ZBA fully denies the proposed development, then HAC can allow it in its entirety when the applicant appeals the decision. At this point, I beg of you, at the very least, to add the condition of denying the two 6-story apartment buildings to greatly decrease the density, which will directly affect our serious traffic safety concerns. Of course, the more this project is downsized, the safer our community once again becomes.

Living on the dead end of Washington Street Extension, the triangle intersection is my only means of travel to and from my home. No matter the size of this development, my daily routines will be negatively affected for the remainder of my time living here. I worry what will happen when I need to get home to my family in an emergency or rush to a hospital when one of us is severely sick or injured; scenarios that are realistically inevitable with two young children. The traffic issues that we currently face will intensify to an unsustainable new norm.

I feel that all of us in South Walpole are going through the grieving process. It began over a year ago when David Hale first introduced the proposed project in the Boyden Elementary cafeteria. Over the past year of hearings, meetings, phone calls, emails, letters and waiting periods, we have fielded the emotions of being shocked, angered, defeated and scared. There is constant heartache to know that the town we live in, the neighborhood we call home, will be forever changed in an unimaginable way by the magnitude of a 300 unit housing complex, spearheaded by an arrogant and selfish man who has no regard for the families he is severely affecting.

Please. Hear our cries for help. Advocate for those of us who cannot make real change in the matter, but who will forever have to live with the consequences of one man's greed.

As always, I thank you for your time and dedication to our town, and specifically this project. I can't imagine the weight on your shoulders to make a decision based on only half the knowledge you so deserve. We support you, as you have supported us.

Sincerely,

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